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PERMISSION TO OFFER AMENDMENT NO. 3 OUT OF ORDER AND LIMITING DEBATE ON AMENDMENT NO. 3 DURING CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5005, HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during consideration in the Committee of the Whole of H.R. 5005 pursuant to House Resolution 502, the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN), or his designee, be permitted to offer amendment numbered 3 in House Report 107-615 out of the specified order, to be offered at a time designated by the chairman of the Select Committee on Homeland Security pursuant to section 4 of House Resolution 502 and that debate on such amendment be limited to 20 minutes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SWEENEY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I have a question for the leader. Mr. Leader, is it my understanding that the Waxman amendment, No. 94, which you just sought unanimous consent to roll until tomorrow with the debate and the vote, would be taken up as the first amendment tomorrow when we come into the House?

Mr. ARMEY. That would be fine with this gentleman. I would think if the gentleman from California (Mr. WAXMAN) is ready, of course, to begin, we would naturally want to take our votes, I think, to kind of get everybody in the body get things going and then move forward with the Waxman amendment.

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the distinguished leader.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING CONFERENCE REPORT ON BANKRUPTCY BILL

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, members of the bankruptcy conference should proceed to H-219 to sign the signature sheets before they retire for the evening. And may I reiterate to our Members, there will be no more recorded votes tonight. Those Members who wish to participate in the general debate and in the amendments through amendment No. 23 will want to stay here for that participation and that debate.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 5005, the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

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HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SWEENEY). Pursuant to House Resolution 502 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 5005.

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 5005) to establish the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with Mr. LAHOOD in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI) each will control 45 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY).

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 5 minutes.

Mr. Chairman, as Ronald Reagan once said, "History teaches that wars begin when governments believe the price of aggression is cheap."

President George W. Bush has heeded this call. He has asked us to undertake the most significant transformation of our government in half a century. If we are to do this, it is essential that we understand why it is necessary to do so. We must start with a precise understanding of why an enormous transformation of our government is required.

Mr. Chairman, the world has changed. It is a much different world than it was in 1947 when the last transformation of our government took place. It is a far different place than it was a mere 10 months ago. Our place in the world stage will never be as we have known it.

Mr. Chairman, what will it take to defend freedom under such circumstances? As the greatest, most free Nation the world has ever known, how do we protect our citizens and our culture from the forces who hate us? Do we lock up our doors and bar the windows? Are we perhaps in danger of sacrificing our liberty in the name of security?

The answer is that we are here today to act to defend individual liberty as much as we are here to defend personal safety. The enemies we now face take advantage of our free society to destroy us. They do so precisely because they hate the idea that we have the ability to choose for ourselves. We cannot grant them the victory they seek

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